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Examiner: T. Nguyen

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Group Art Unit: 2877

Inventor: Thomas M. Baer, et al.

Invention: CONSUMABLE FOR LASER CAPTURE MICRODISSECTION

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Assistant Commissioner  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated November 23, 1999.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

**Response to Requirement for Election of Species**

In the Action, at page 2, the Examiner requires an election of a single alleged species from among alleged species denoted as:

- I. Claims 1-44, drawn to a laser capture microdissection apparatus, classified in class 356, subclass 244.
- II. Claims 45-48, drawn to a microscope, classified in class 359, subclass 363.